

## 2025 Junior Lifeguard Program FAQs

The San Clemente Junior Lifeguard Program is an ocean and beach safety program for 9 to 16 year olds. Participants receive education and experience in ocean safety, first aid, rescue techniques, bodysurfing, board surfing, bodyboarding, physical fitness, and Marine Safety operations.

**Registration Requirement:** All new participants must pass a swim test to be eligible to register for the Junior Lifeguard Program. Visit [www.san-clemente.org/JG](http://www.san-clemente.org/JG) to register for a swim test. Returning City of San Clemente Junior Lifeguards do not need to take another swim test.

### Registration Dates:

April 30 -- Returning San Clemente Residents & New Siblings

May 1 -- New San Clemente Residents & Returning Non-Residents

May 2 -- Open Registration

Registration begins at 8am PST at [www.san-clemente.org/JG](http://www.san-clemente.org/JG).

### 2025 Program Dates:

<u>Session I</u> June 16 – July 3	<u>Session II</u> July 7 - July 25	<u>Session III</u> July 28 - August 15
AM Program: 9am – 12pm PM Program: 1pm – 4pm	AM Program: 9am – 12pm PM Program: 1pm – 4pm	AM Program: 9am – 12pm PM Program: 1pm – 4pm

**Location:** Marine Safety Headquarters (clock tower building north of the pier)

**Refund Policy:** Participants are eligible for a full refund, minus a \$25 equipment fee (if they picked up a uniform kit), if they withdraw (1) week or more prior to the start of the session. If a parent requests a check refund, they will also be charged an \$8 check processing fee. If participants withdraw less than (1) week prior to the start of the session, no refunds are given. **All refunds are processed through the Junior Lifeguard Office. Please call (949) 361-8261.**

**Registration Deadlines:** Participants will not be permitted to register after 5pm on the Wednesday prior to a session beginning.

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**1) *Can my child do more than one session?***

- No, only one session per child is permitted.

**2) *Can I register my 8 year-old?***

- You may register an 8 year-old as long your child is 9 years of age, on or before the first day of the session you are requesting.

**3) *What if the session I want to enroll my child in is full?***

- Be sure to sign up for the waitlist, since last minute schedule changes among participants may result in program openings.

**4) *Are scholarships available?***

- Yes, the City offers scholarships for San Clemente residents who are experiencing financial hardship. The Junior Lifeguard Scholarship Application is available at [www.san-clemente.org/JG](http://www.san-clemente.org/JG).

**5) *Can my child be in a class with their friends?***

- Requests for friend pairings are not accepted. Our classes are created by the JG Coordinator to optimize a safe instructor-to-student ratio based on age and ability. Our top priority is student safety.

**6) *What uniform is included in the program fees?***

- Each student is provided: a Junior Lifeguard rashguard, hat, and Junior Lifeguard patch.

**7) *What should my child bring to class?***

- Uniform (swimsuit or trunks with patch sewn on, rashguard, hat, and fins)
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Light snack and water
- Backpack

**8) *When and where do I pick up my child's issued uniform?***

- Issued uniform items are available for pick up for all sessions on June 1 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Marine Safety Headquarters (clock tower building north of the pier). If you do not pick up your child's uniform items on June 1, your child will be issued their uniform items on the first day of class. We cannot accommodate special uniform pick up requests prior to the first day of class.

**9) What uniforms items do I need to purchase and where do I purchase the items?**

- Parents are to provide a swimsuit or trunks and ocean swim fins.
  - i. Boys: Navy blue swim trunks
  - ii. Girls: Navy blue one or two-piece swimsuit
    1. Two-piece suits must be competition style with a racer-back top and drawstring bottoms. Girls may wear navy blue board shorts with a separate patch over their swimsuit.
  - iii. Junior Lifeguard patch is to be sewn on the lower left leg/hip.
- Some parents purchase items online, while others find what they need at local surf or sporting goods stores. Parents are advised to label everything.

**10) Where do I purchase a JG sweatshirt?**

- JG sweatshirts may be purchased online at [www.san-clemente.org/JG](http://www.san-clemente.org/JG) and picked up at Marine Safety Headquarters on Uniform Distribution Day (June 1) or Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-1:30pm, during Junior Lifeguard sessions.

**11) Where do I drop off and pick up my Junior Guard?**

- Parents are encouraged to walk their Junior Lifeguard to the first day of class. It is recommended to use either the yellow curb at the base of the pier or the Linda Lane parking lot for drop off and pick up. Junior Lifeguards are encouraged to use the Beach Trail to walk to and from class. Please do not block the gate arm at the base of the pier beach entrance, double-park, or park along the red curb.

**12) How do I report my child being absent?**

- If your child is unable to attend class due to illness, injury or vacation, please call (949) 361-8261 or email [MarineSafety@San-Clemente.org](mailto:MarineSafety@San-Clemente.org) as soon as possible to report an absence.

**13) Is it okay to miss a few days?**

- A child can miss up to 5 days before it impacts their rank placement for next summer. The exception is for those in the Lieutenant, Captain and Cadet Program. They cannot miss any Thursday classes or they will lose their rank and return to their prior rank.

**Additional Questions?** Visit [www.san-clemente.org/JG](http://www.san-clemente.org/JG) or call (949) 361-8261.